

Existing law provides for the crimes of gambling and gambling by computer.

New law defines gambling by electronic sweepstakes device as the intentional conducting of, or directly assisting in the conducting of, as a business any game, contest, lottery, or contrivance whereby a person risks the loss of any thing of value in order to realize a profit, through the operation of an electronic gaming machine or device that does or purports to do either of the following:

- (1) Conduct a sweepstakes through the use of a simulated gambling device, including the entry process or the revealing of a prize.
- (2) Promote a sweepstakes that is conducted through the use of a simulated gambling device, including the entry process or the revealing of a prize.

New law provides penalties of a fine of more than \$20,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

New law creates exception for legalized forms of gaming which are authorized by existing law if the activity is conducted on the licensed premises.

New law creates exceptions for stock market trading done by computer.

New law creates an exception for providing Internet or cable services.

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